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Christopher Coleman's Top Product Picks



For Brooklyn, NY-based interior designer Christopher Coleman, products that come in a variety of colors are a good thing. Just look at his portfolio. Featured in several prominent shelter publications, his interiors pop, soothe and entice in their deft manipulation of tone, shade and hue. For Kohler, he created a children's bathroom in aquatic blues and greens; a country cottage invites with its earthy brown, rich red and deep ochre. His collection of children's furniture offers kid-safe function in an array of kid-friendly colors.

Therefore, when it comes to favorites, it's not surprising that Coleman tends toward products that afford him the flexibility to execute his cool, contemporary designs from anywhere on the color spectrum.

Take **Vitraform's** Pullman pedestal (3), for example. A stately glass column with an integral sink, "it's fun because it comes in at least a dozen colors," said Coleman, who has specified the product twice. The pedestal stands 34 in. tall, but can be custom modified. Colors range from smoky brown to bronze (shown) to vibrant blue and clear.

Erin Adams' Quill tiles, from **Ann Sacks** (6), also rate high on his list. Available in 36 color options, their distinct patterning easily adds verve and punch to any space, even the bathroom. "They're great in a shower," said Coleman. "Then you can use solid colors in the rest of the bathroom."

For versatility and comfort in the shower, Coleman likes **Kohler's** WaterTiles (2), which are simply "amazing." The square tiles measure 4 7/8 in. x 4 7/8 in. and are equipped with highly durable, fully adjustable spray faces and a flush-mount design that facilitates integration. Coleman has used them in a few of his projects, lining them up or grouping them in a cluster of six. "The flat ceiling tiles are just brilliant," he said.

In the kitchen, the Artisan series, from **KitchenAid** (1), offers stand-mixers in an assortment of hues, making them ideal accent pieces when not stored in a cupboard, while **Northstar's** refrigerators (5) are retro-chic in nine funky colors, including robin's egg blue (shown), flamingo pink, buttercup yellow and candy red.

But while Coleman may be known for having a way with color, his work is also unmistakably hip and "now." Hence, "in a more modern vein, the **Gaggenau** GM 240 (4) is one of my favorites," he said. In particular, the sleekly stylish dishwasher combines water- and energy-saving sensor operation with a flat, glass-backed aluminum front panel—a perfect marriage of performance and aesthetics. One could say the same of Coleman's designs. ■



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